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**UPDATED with Rice County highways closing.**

**UPDATED with Reno County highways closing, along with U.S. 50 in Harvey County west of Newton.**

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## **Blowing snow closes many highways in south central Kansas**

Because of low visibility caused by blowing snow creating “whiteout” conditions, the Kansas Department of Transportation has closed all state highways in Barton, Edwards, Kiowa, Pawnee, Reno, Rice and Rush counties and in much of Stafford County.

Rice and Reno counties are the latest in south central Kansas to be added to the list. Also added to the closings list late Monday night was U.S. 50 west of Newton in Harvey County and K-89 in Harvey County.

In Stafford County, the closings are from U.S. 281 to the west, including U.S. 281.

The closings in south central Kansas began around 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8. It’s not clear when the highways can be reopened. KDOT also has closed numerous highways due to the storm in southwest and northwest Kansas.

Motorists should expect more possible highway closings through the night in other counties in KDOT’s District Five, which is south central Kansas.

**Go to [kandrive.gov](http://kandrive.gov) for updates on highway conditions across Kansas.**

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